



Life More Abundant Bible Study

Bible Prophecy: Daniel Chapter 12A

The last chapter of Daniel is the culmination of the *Great Controversy*, where the forces of good will decisively bring an end to the forces of evil. Throughout the book of Daniel, God and His people have been portrayed in conflict with the enemies of souls through the media of paganism (the daily) for a period of 1260 years, the Little Horn for another period of 1260 years, and finally the King of the North, a reinvigorated and empowered Modern Rome. From the very name, we recognize the character and identity of the King of the North to be Antichrist, one who usurps the position, praise and honor due only Jesus Christ, the true King of the North (Psalm 48:2; Isaiah 14:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4). From the final six verses of Daniel Chapter 11 and from related testimonies of other bible prophets, we understand that the final events of world history are summarized prophetically as follows:

- I. Modern Rome, like Pagan and Papal Rome will subdue three territories before having its power fully manifest:
 - a. It will wage war against the modern King of the South (the USSR) through arms and intelligence of an ally (USA) [Daniel 11:40]
 - b. It will fully enter into the Glorious Land (USA) [Daniel 11:41; Joel 2:20] at the erection and enforcement of the Image to the Beast [Revelation 13:14, 15]
 - c. It will stretch out his hand against the countries and Egypt (the world) [Daniel 11:42]
- II. Glad tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble the King of the North as made manifest by the *Loud Cry* of the three angel's messages of Revelation 14:6-13 and the fourth angel of Revelation 18:1-6. The message, empowered by the *Latter Rain* from the Holy Spirit will:
 - a. Gather many sons to *everlasting* righteousness
 - b. Rebuild the temple of the Lord, made up of people born in Babylon but called out by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit through the Loud Cry, brought about by the Latter Rain. (Zechariah 4)
 - c. Establish the prophesied *one fold* of Christ (John 10:16), unified under one faith, one Lord, and one baptism; God's Glorious Holy Mountain – the church triumphant
 - d. Decisively divide the world into two camps with the erection of the Image to the Beast, and rendering of the Mark of the Beast
 - e. Complete the sealing of the righteous and scattering of the wicked to receive the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 7; 13:14-17)
 - f. Seal-up visions and prophecies as probation closes upon the world (Revelation 21:6-8; Revelation 22:11)

- g. Stir the ire of the King of the North towards the people of God.
- III. “A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers” (Zephaniah 1:16) is marked as the world and the King of the North are “judged” with the wrath of God, embodied in the seven last plagues of Revelation 15, 16. Yet in the midst of the world-wide calamity, God will deliver (protect) His people *in the midst of the destruction*, identical to the deliverance of the Children of Israel during the seven last plagues of Egypt (Exodus 8:20-12:30).

It is between enumerated items II. and III. above that Daniel Chapter 12 commences. Jesus, the Great Prince has completed the work of atonement for the sins of the world, more specifically, for the righteous whose sins have been completely blotted out of the books of record and whose names are secured in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Conversely, the unjust have been found wanting in judgment and their fait precedes them. Jesus has completed His mediatorial work as High Priest, and as Prince over the hosts, has gathered together His kingdom (Luke 19:12-15); therefore, He is noted as standing up in verse 1 to dawn His kingly apparel (Revelation 19:11-16) and will return to reap the earth of its harvest (Revelation 14:14-20).

Recall, in bible prophecy when a king stands it may signify the changing of a monarch or kingdom, but what else is Jesus’ standing indicative of in verse 1. Consider the following verses when giving your answer (Acts 7:54-60; Isaiah 3:13, Isaiah 66:15, 16; Isaiah 28:21; Revelation 18:4-8)

Jesus’ work of judgment and intercession has come to an end and probation has ended for the world, therefore, the pleading and judgment reserved for the world is solely to reap vengeance upon His enemies.

Again the bible makes clear a “*time of trouble*” is to conclude Jesus’ work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary and precede His Second Advent. Describe some of the events to take place prior to and during this *time of trouble*. Consider the following verses:

- Isaiah 28:21
- Revelation 8:3, 4
- Revelation 15
- Jeremiah 30:5-7
- Job 38:22, 23
- Psalm 27:5, 6

- Psalm 37:39, 40
- Ezekiel 7:2-12, 17-19
- Revelation 16

Once again the bible states, as a loving Father, God will “deliver” (preserve, sustain, uphold, protect) His people whose names are written in the Lambs Book of Life as they go **through** the world-wide devastation. There is a very common doctrine in Christianity today, branded the “secret rapture”, that states that God will deliver by calling-up His people from the world during this period of devastation. The bible repeats, as with the seven final plagues of Egypt (Exodus 8:20-12:30), that God is able to preserve His people **through** this trying period which does the following:

1. Lifts-up God’s people as an *ensign* to the world that they are called out among men (Exodus 8:22, 23; Malachi 3:18)
2. Demonstrates God’s power over these plagues and ability to preserve His people as He promised, during their times of trouble (2 Peter 2:9): those who through patient trial have learned to surrender their trust and confidence to God vindicate Him as the Hope of the righteous (Jeremiah 17:5-8)
3. Condemns the world who have spurned God’s offer of Salvation; God through these plagues makes plain His purposes towards the righteous (Jeremiah 29:11, Malachi 4:2) and the rebellious (Malachi 4:1, 3)

Note that the context of the writing of Daniel 12:2 is taking place at Christ’s Second Coming, the event to immediately follow the “*Time of Trouble*”. Consider the following verses when reading verse 2:

- Matthew 16:28
- Matthew 24:30
- Matthew 26:59-64
- Mark 14:55-64
- Revelation 1:7

From our extensive studies of bible prophecy we firmly understand that the bible describes the resurrection of the dead-in-Christ occurring exactly at the time of Christ’s Second Coming (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) and the resurrection of the wicked (those already in the grave at the time of Christ’s Second Coming and those who will be slain by the brightness of His coming) to be after a millennial period (Revelation 20:4-6). Yet, notice that from the writing of Daniel 12:2, those that will awake near the time of Jesus’ Second Coming will be “*some to everlasting life*”, and “*some to shame [and] everlasting contempt*”. Further, Revelation 1:7 notes that “every eye” will see Jesus coming in the glory of His Father, and His own glory with the angels, “even those who pierced Him”. Lastly, consider that Jesus foretold the High Priest, the Pharisees and other church leaders who were directly involved in causing His death that they would see Him coming in the clouds with His glory (Mark 14:62).

Therefore, the bible giving testimony by more than two witnesses confirms a **special resurrection** for a select group at Christ's Second Advent. God has granted the privilege of seeing the entire Second Advent of Jesus with power and might to a special group of righteous and unrighteous [in no particular order] who have died. One group to be resurrected is comprised of the just who, after a short time will be changed in a moment and will inherit eternal life. Those who have died in the faith under the sounding of the third angel's message of Revelation 14 (1844 A.D. onward) will be among the sealed of God (Revelation 7) and will behold the fulfillment of God's covenant of peace with the living righteous, inheriting eternal life. Another group to behold Christ's Second Coming during the special resurrection will be those who denied Jesus' divinity, caused His shame, and pierced His side; these will inherit "shame [and] everlasting contempt". The fate of this second group will be their instant death once again, after beholding the Second Advent, followed by their resurrection and judgment after the millennial period.

Daniel 12:3 provides a summation of the events to occur near the time of Christ's Second Coming as well as those who will live through those perilous times. Consider the work of the "wise" described in this verse. What is the source and content of their wisdom? Compare Daniel 12:10, 10:1, 5-8; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 5:16; 25:1-10; Proverbs 1:7; Revelation 14:6-12.

More than education and intellect, the wisdom spoken here is neither earthly nor carnal, but rather a knowledge of the Holiness of God and a reverence for His Word, the truth. Those who have experienced Christ's **righteousness by faith** and have made good work of preparing themselves to meet Him are they who will turn many to everlasting righteousness and will shine as the firmament.

Finally, Daniel is commanded to seal-up the book, the words of his writing that foretell world events, until the time of the end. Daniel is further told "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" (Daniel 12:4). Prophetically, what year marks the beginning of the "time of the end" and why would God command that the book be sealed until that time?

A more accurate prediction of the increase of knowledge could not be given the period of time following 1798, the commencement of the *time of the end*. It is a truth, that by means of the *Industrial Revolution* and the advances made since then more knowledge and information has been amassed than all the information combined before that time. Additionally, with the advancements in technology, travel that once required weeks and months to complete can now be done within hours.

Yet, with all of these truths, the greatest increase in knowledge and that for which the bible is giving actual reference is the increase in knowledge of the mysteries of God contained in His Word that were illuminated after 1798 (Habakkuk 2:2; Amos 8:12). Never before had men better understood the truths and application of the prophecies made known in the bible until after 1798. As God was **gathering**,

building and entering into covenant with His last day Remnant Church [movement], He rekindled knowledge of the truths in His commandments and gave His remnant movement a prophet to affirm, counsel, and guide it in its work of leading sons to righteousness in the last days. Just as with the Children of Israel when God entered into covenant with them in the wilderness, outlined His commandments on tables, and gave Moses to be their prophet, God has ordained a last day movement before His Second Advent.

By running to and fro through God's Word, long hidden truths and greater understanding of sealed prophecies marked the work of this early Remnant Church movement. Let us purpose in our hearts to continue with the same zeal and power that marked this last day movement in its inception to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For a better understanding of prophetic imagery, terms and symbols used in this bible study, refer to the study, [Interpreting Bible Prophecy](#), also located on the Life More Abundant Bible Study website.